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For: INFORMATION PROCESSOR, METHOD FOR PROCESSING INFORMATION AND MEMORY MEDIUM FOR STORING PROGRAM READABLE BY COMPUTER	.)

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Sir:

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The below-listed documents were cited in a European Search Report for a European application corresponding to the subject application. The listed documents might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given in the European Search Report. Copies of the European Search Report and the following documents are enclosed.

- (1) EP 0 773 498
- (2) EP 0 820 004

It is noted that document (1) is a counterpart to JP 9-134261, which was cited with an English-language abstract in the Information Disclosure Statement dated October 25, 2004.

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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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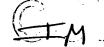
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The abstract was modified by the Search Division and the definitive text is attached to this communication.

The following figure will be published together with the abstract:

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